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Burke Lake Train Gets Back on Track After Restorations

It took some time and careful attention to detail, but the popular Burke Lake miniature train is riding the rails once again! Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority Board will gather on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the restoration and the train's return to the tracks.

Burke Lake Park will begin miniature train operations with a brand new J.P. Huntington replica locomotive # 343, replacing # 62 that served from 1967 to 2005. Passenger cars from the original train have been renovated and retrofitted to bring them into compliance with today's safety standards. Prior to the renovations, agency staff had identified a number of significant mechanical shortcomings which needed to be addressed. Installation of required air brakes to each individual car, in addition to painting and other structural improvements, have been accomplished and the train is returning to service at peak performance just in time for the upcoming season.

Retrofits and renovations cost approximately \$240,000. These were funded through the capital improvement process. Each year the Burke train carries thousands of passengers who have a chance to enjoy the lush green surroundings and the rush of the wind as they travel along a scenic view of the lake and parkland.

Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Its 888 acres feature a 218-acre lake with fishing, boating, rowboat rental, campgrounds, a miniature train, a carousel, outdoor volleyball courts, an 18-hole par 3 golf course, disk golf, an ice cream parlor and snack bar, picnic areas with grills, playgrounds and a brand new miniature golf course. For more information about these ceremonies please contact the Public Information Officer at 703-324-8662.

Directions: Take beltway Exit 54A (Braddock Road) west to left on Burke Lake Road, to left on Ox Road, to park entrance on left.

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